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THE VINTAGE REMAINS HUNTER'S TOP PUBLIC ACCESS GOLF COURSE

The Vintage golf course has retained the mantle of the Hunter Region's top residential golf course and top public access golf course according to two new golf rankings.

In **Golf Digest's** 2010 biennial list of the nation's top 100 golf courses, The Vintage was ranked 44th in Australia, and the 10th best in NSW, making it the highest ranked of any of the Hunter's residential golf courses.

There was more good news for The Vintage and its 730 members with another key publication ranking it as the 22nd best **public access golf course** in Australia, the third best in NSW and the best in the Hunter. The **Golf Course Guide** is an annual publication listing the nation's top 100 public access courses and is in its tenth year. The Vintage improved its national ranking by one place on 2009.

The Vintage's director of golf Steve Wylie says the rankings are pleasing given the opening of a number of new courses around the country.

"We continue to see substantial improvements at The Vintage, providing a course that offers first class conditions, great design variety and a high memorability factor," Mr Wylie says.

The Vintage is a Greg Norman-designed championship golf course set in an award winning residential community. It is two hours north of Sydney and just over one hour from Newcastle. It is home to the NSW Open, regarded as the most prestigious professional golfing event on the NSW golfing calendar.

Mr Wylie says that, with the opening of the \$30 million Chateau Elan at The Vintage Hunter Valley destination spa and resort this month, The Vintage is set to become one of Australia's finest golf and spa resort.

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